

of pork. They also enjoyed venison if a deer came in sight. Among the workmen, "Uncle Billie" Bethers became almost a legend. His hands shook very badly, but he was a crack shot. When deer would come in sight he would pick up a rifle, and while his companions would wonder if he could ever keep the weapon still long enough to shoot, he would aim at his prey and always get it. Tradition has it that he never missed.

Eight-hour days were unknown to the canal workmen, and they labored from dawn to dusk, and then spent the evenings around camp

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Received Certificate No. 1283

APPLICATION 1858 COLLECTING This day of November, in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of Homestead was issued to the undersigned, which it appears, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved March 3d, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the said William Bethers has been established and is recognized, in conformity to law, for the north east quarter of section twenty one, in Township four south of Range five east of Salt Lake Meridian, in Utah Territory containing one hundred and sixty acres.

According to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General;

You have granted that there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said William Bethers,

the said William Bethers the part of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said William Bethers and to his heirs and executors forever; subject to any valid and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs and its connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietors of a road or lane to travel and improve the same thereon, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.

As testimony whereof, Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States of America, has caused these letters to be made

Seal, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be affixed thereto.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eighth.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

Received Nov 15, 1881
S. S. C. / S. S. C. / S. S. C.

By S. S. C. Secretary

The official homestead papers for William S. Bethers who was the first white man to establish a permanent home in the Daniel area. The document bears the signature of President Chester A. Arthur and is dated November 15, 1881.

fires spinning tall tales and workmen's yarns. All their wages were in stock in the irrigation company.

Part of the canal route required a 1,000 foot tunnel through the divide into McGuire Canyon. George Muir took the contract to drive the tunnel, and sub-let the work to James and Andrew Lindsay. One started from the east end and the other from the west. When they met, the west end was a foot higher, which caused many problems. During Spring run-offs silt would settle at this point and cause the water to back up. Cave-ins were also a problem in the tunnel, and usually dangerous to clear out.

Three difficult years of sacrifice and labor were required to build the three-mile Strawberry Canal, but by 1889 it was delivering some 33 second-feet of water into the Daniel area. More than \$6,000 had been